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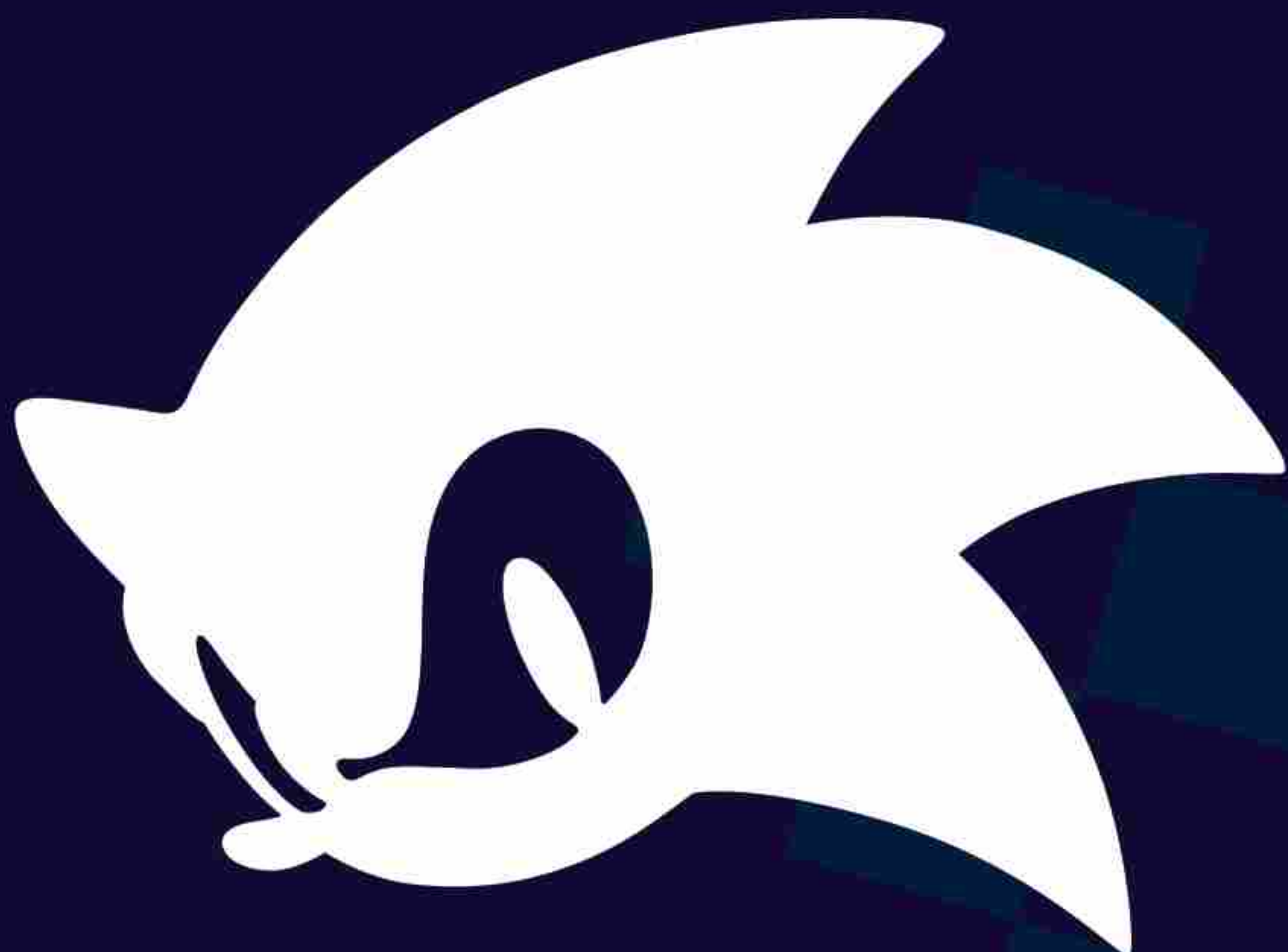
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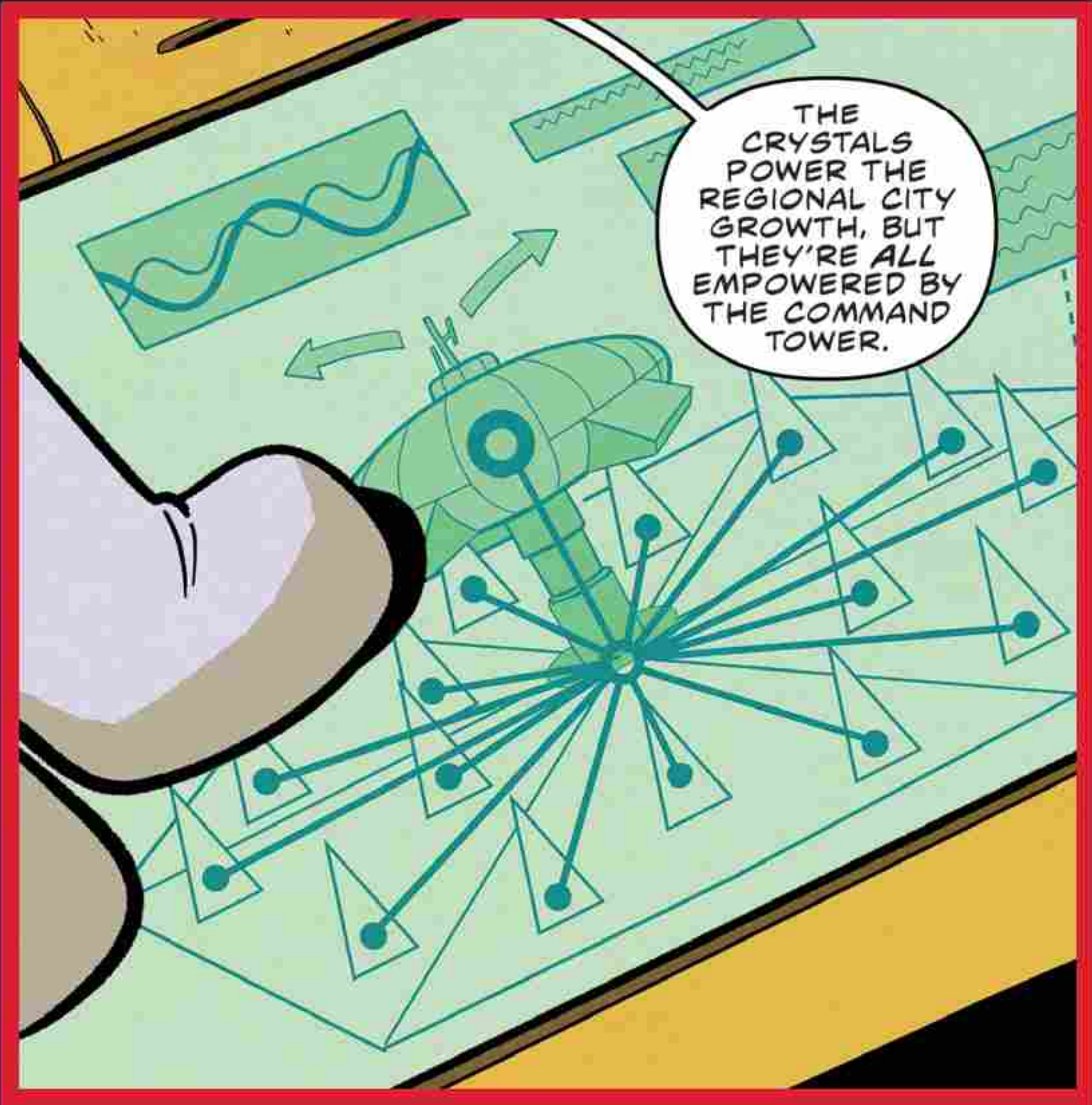
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Diamond Cutter.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Diamond Cutter.



LANOLIN THE SHEEP

Woolen Warrior.
Diamond Cutter.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



SILVER THE HEDGEHOG

Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.



BLAZE THE CAT

Fire-Powered Princess.
Friend from another dimension.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG

The Ultimate Life Form.
Sonic's grim rival.



ROUGE THE BAT

Treasure-Hunting Spy.
Restoration ally.



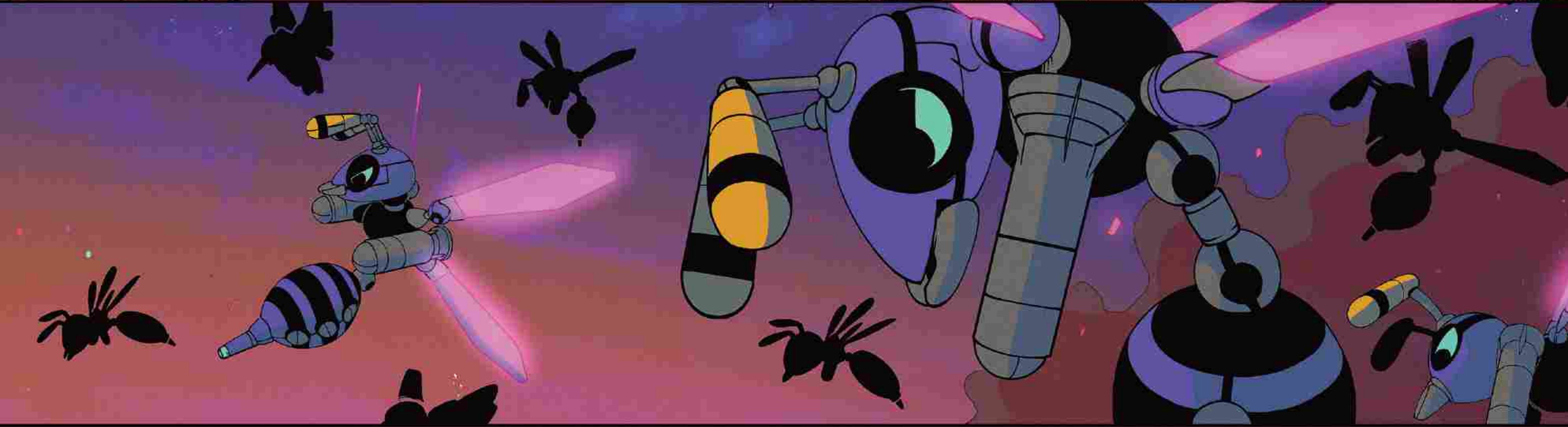
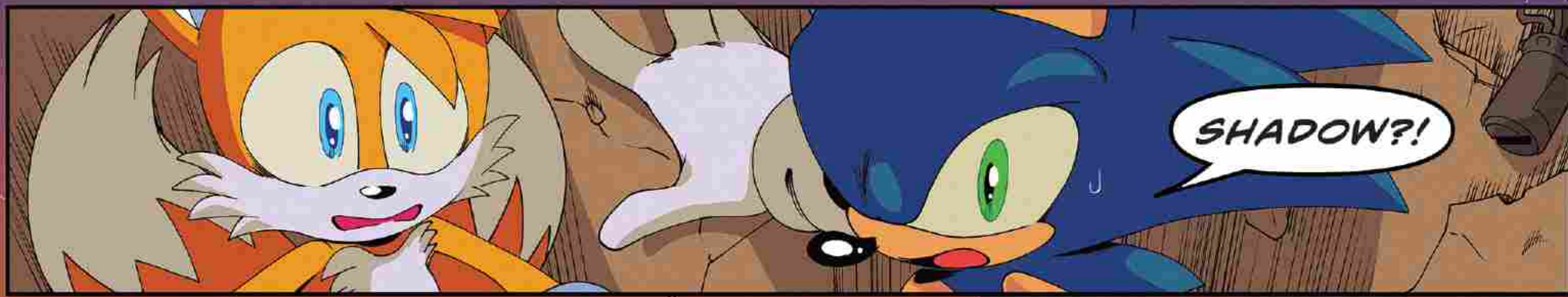
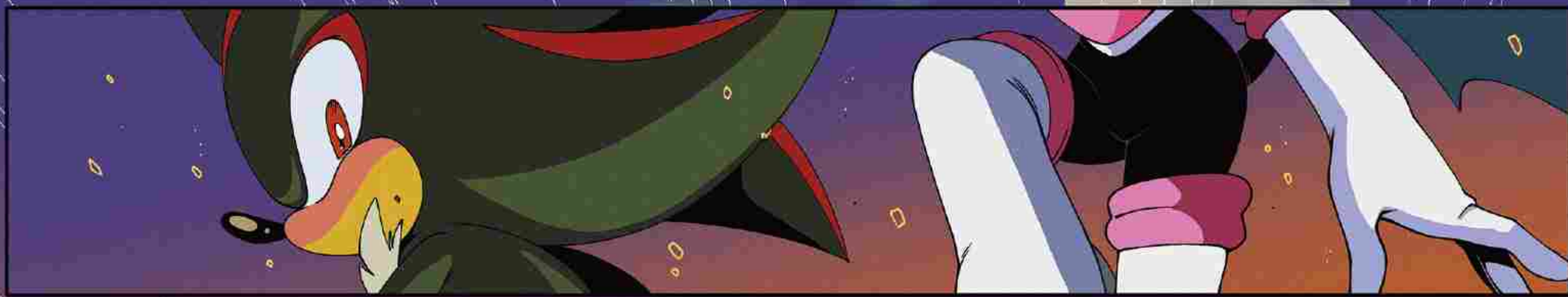
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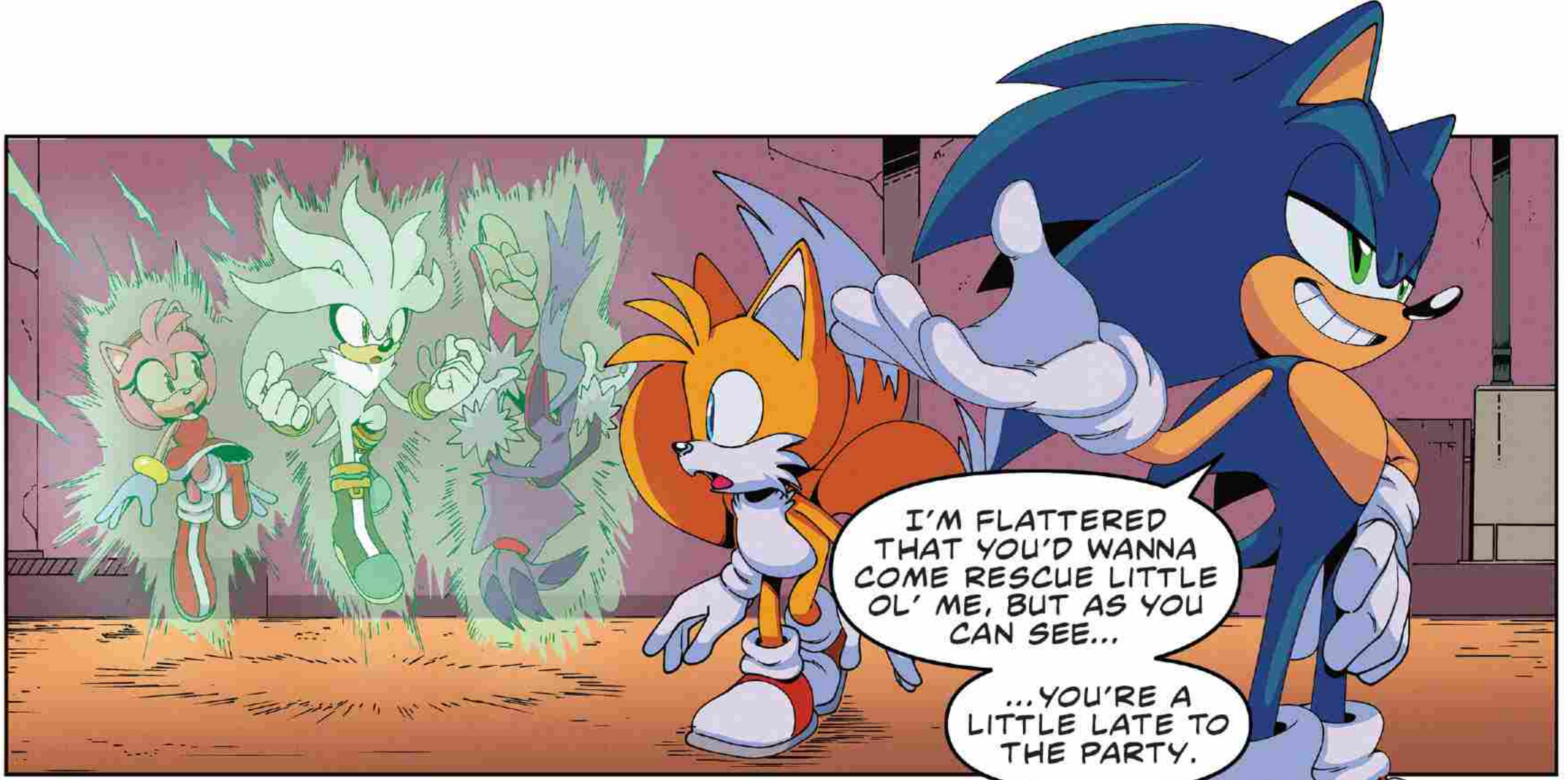
Rogue Super Badnik.
Robot hunter.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.







ROUGE, THIS CONVERSATION IS IRRELEVANT TO OUR MISSION.

YOU HEARD THE ROBOT... NO HARD FEELINGS, BUT YOU'D ONLY SLOW US DOWN. SEE YOU AROUND!

I WILL ATTEMPT NOT TO HIT ANY OF YOU IN THE CROSSFIRE.



"ONLY SLOW US DOWN" MY FOOT.

TOGETHER OR NOT, THEIR EFFORTS CAN ONLY AID OURS.

IT'S THE PRINCIPLE OF THE--



HELLO, SONIC AND ALL YOU SIMPERING TAGALONGS!

AT LAST, I CAN PROPERLY INTRODUCE YOU TO MY LATEST CREATION.

THIS IS MY CITY OF TOMORROW, A SELF-REPLICATING, SELF-REPAIRING METROPOLIS UNLIKE ANYTHING THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.



GO AHEAD, TRY TO DESTROY IT! FOR EVERY BUILDING YOU LEVEL, A DOZEN MORE WILL RISE TO TAKE ITS PLACE!

YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK THE OCCASION CALLS FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL. YES, A SURPRISE I'VE BEEN SAVING FOR QUITE A WHILE...

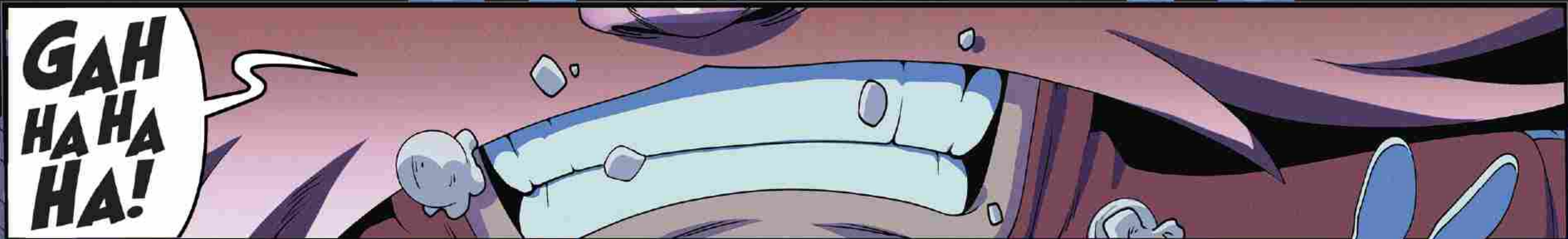


...WELCOME
TO

EGGPERIAL CITY!

MY SHADOW
ANDROIDS WILL
BE HAPPY TO
SHOW YOU
AROUND!

ENJOY YOUR
STAY...SHORT
AS IT MAY BE!



GAH
HA HA
HA!



EXCELLENT
INTIMIDATION
SPEECH, BOSS.

OF
COURSE IT
WAS! OH, HO,
HO, I'M GOING
TO ENJOY
THIS.

IT'S BEEN
TOO LONG
SINCE A PLAN
CAME TOGETHER
PROPERLY.



LOOK AT
THEM, ALREADY
FLOUNDERING
AND I'VE BARELY
EVEN BEGUN.

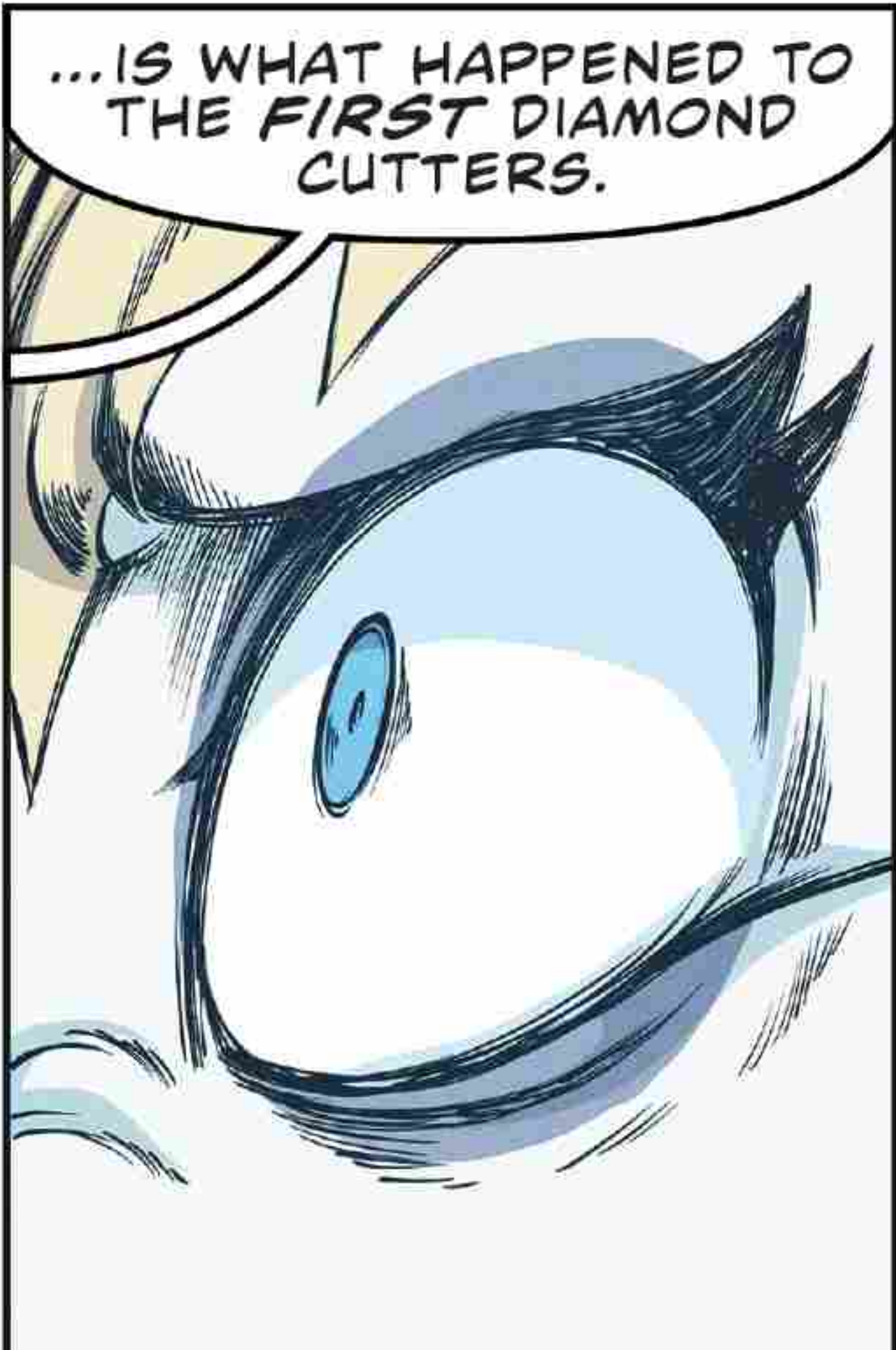
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SUPERIOR SKILL SET
REALLY WAS A
STROKE OF
GENIUS.

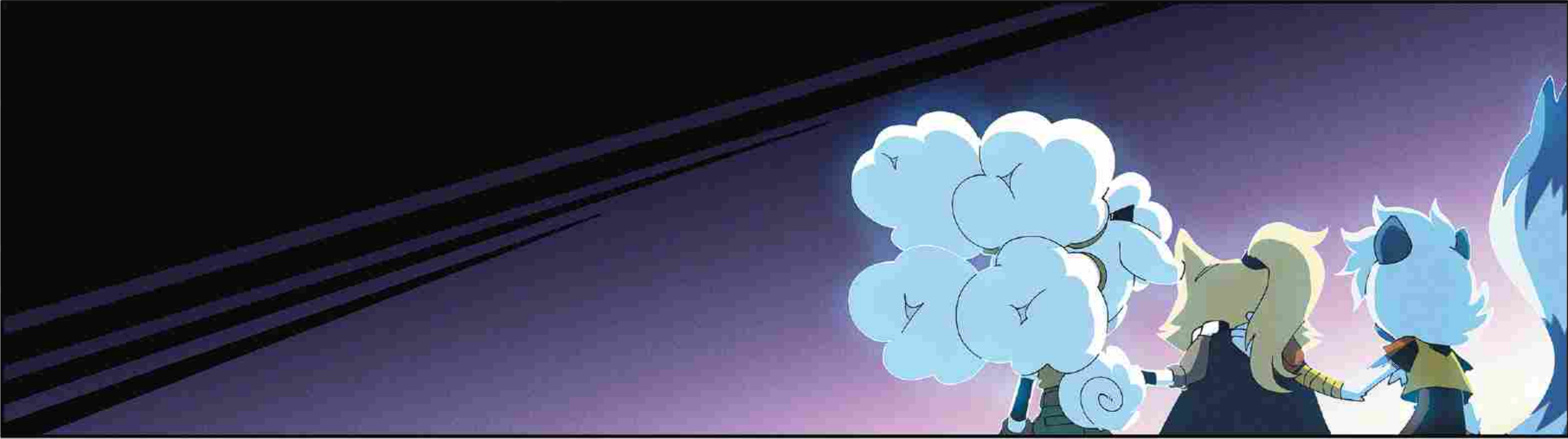
I *KNEW*
HOLDING ON TO
THEM WOULD PAY
OFF SOMEDAY.



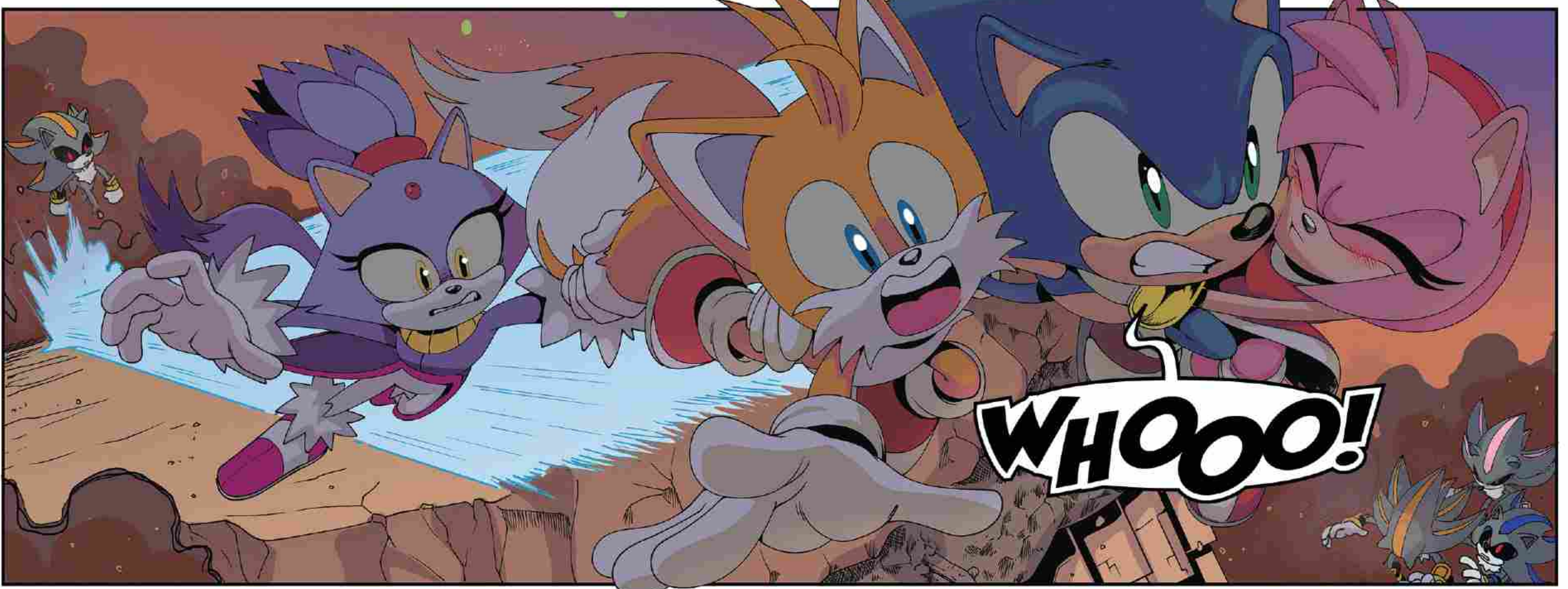
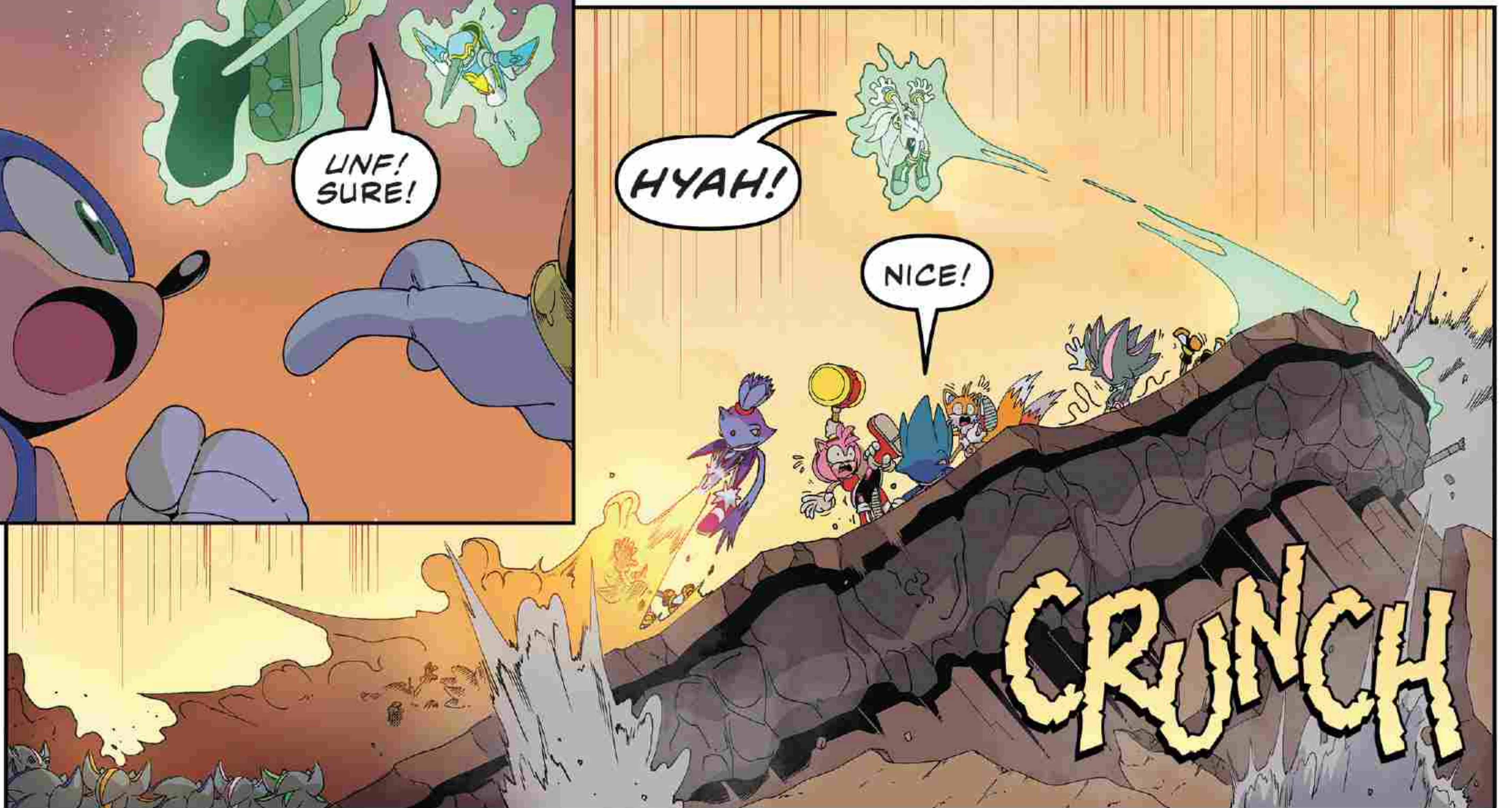
SONIC'S
GOING TO
REGRET
COMING BACK
HERE!

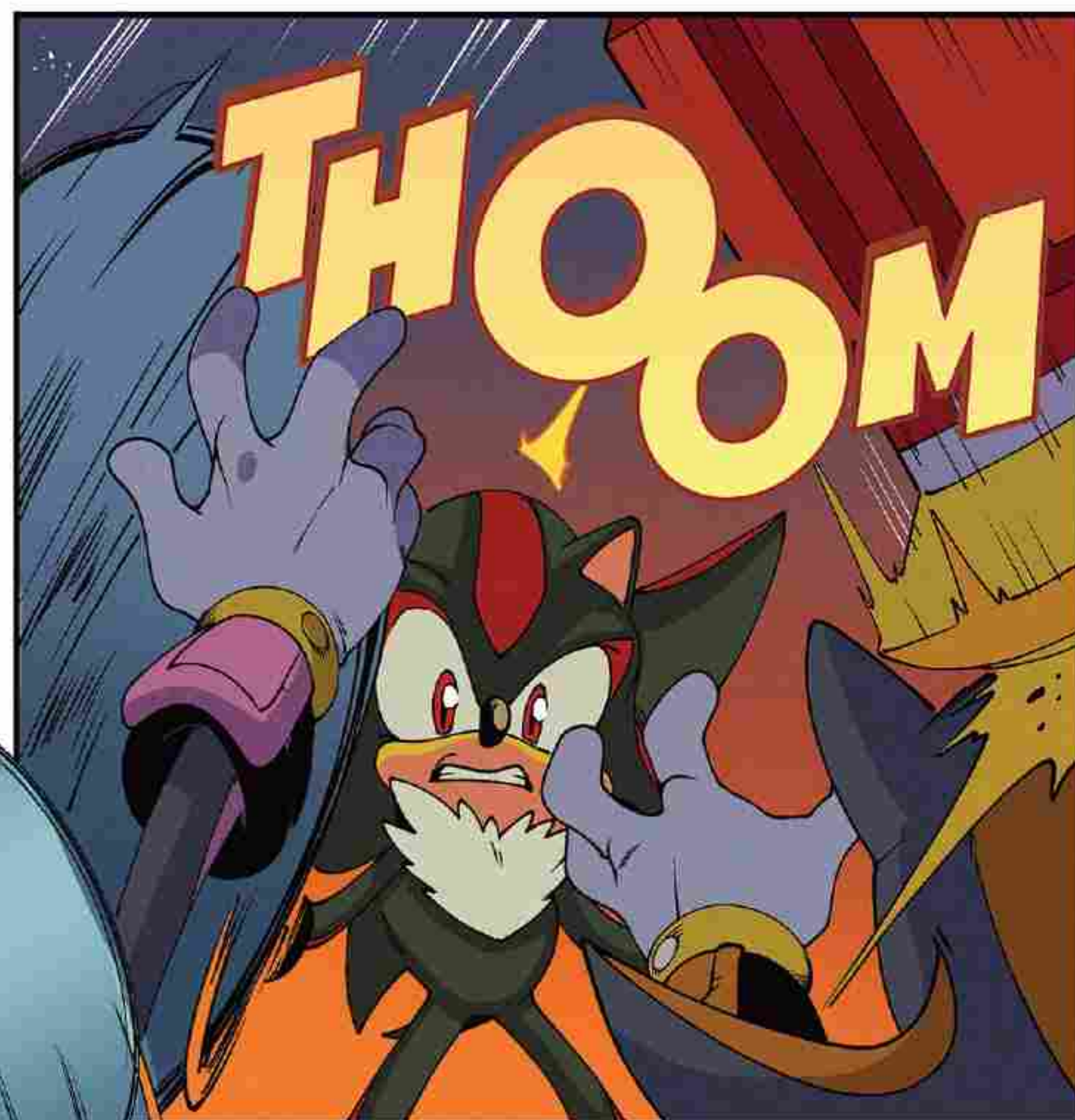
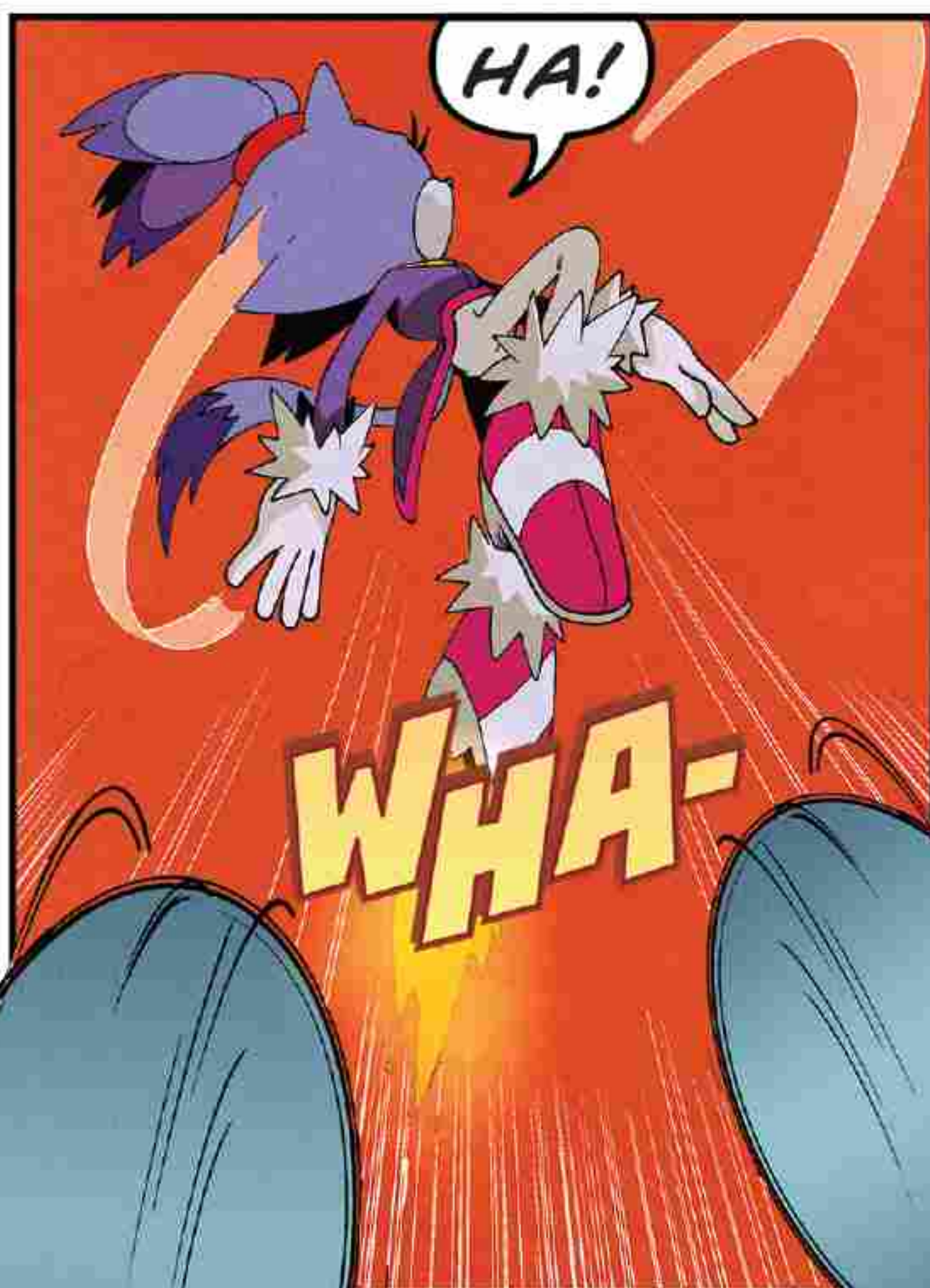
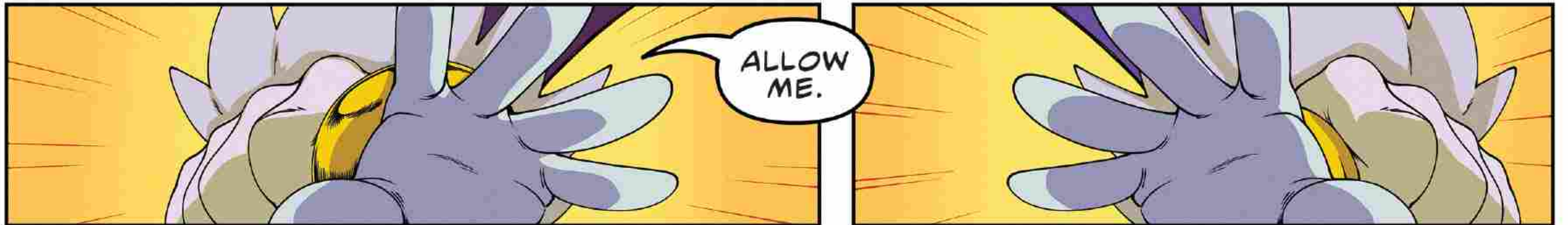


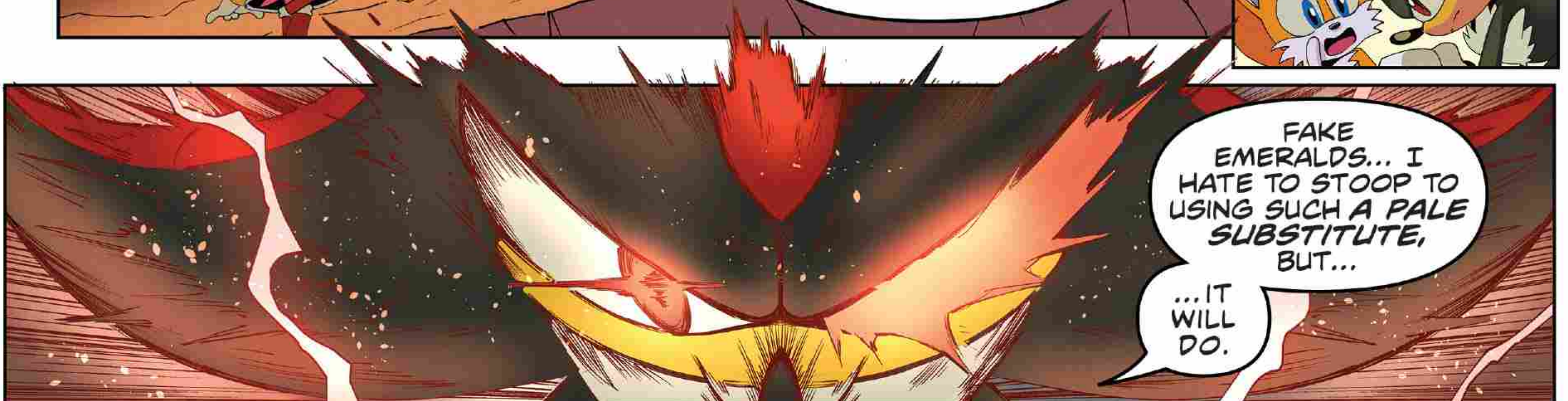
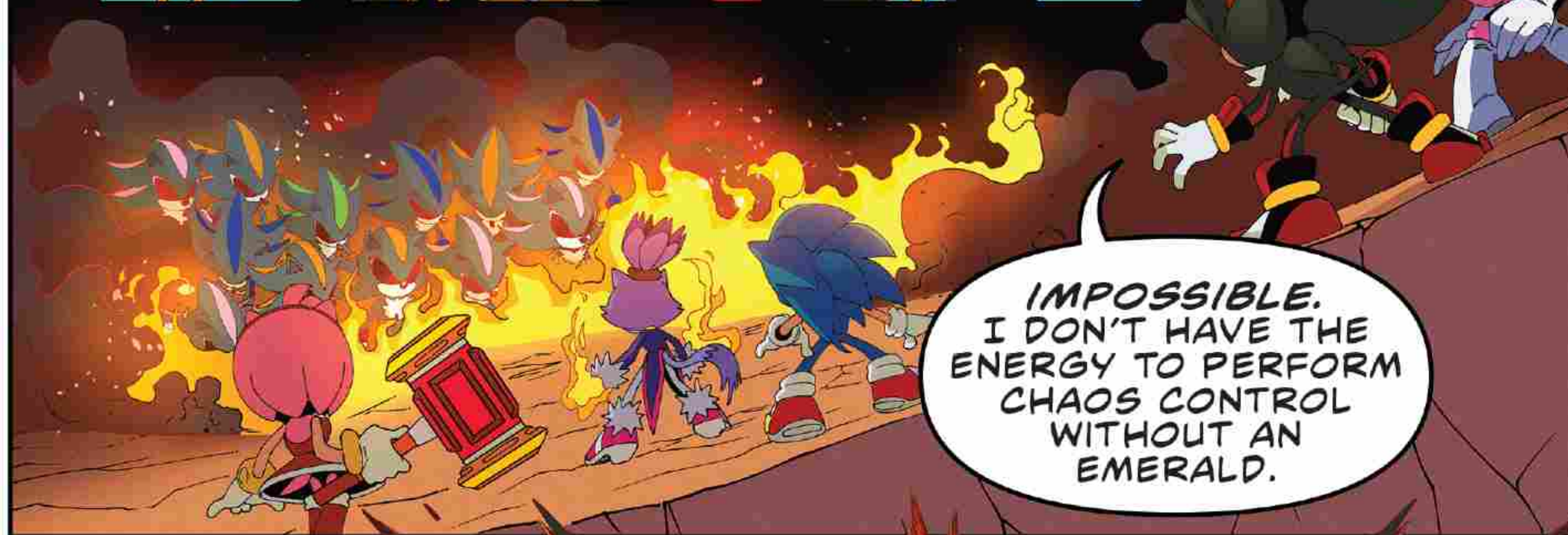
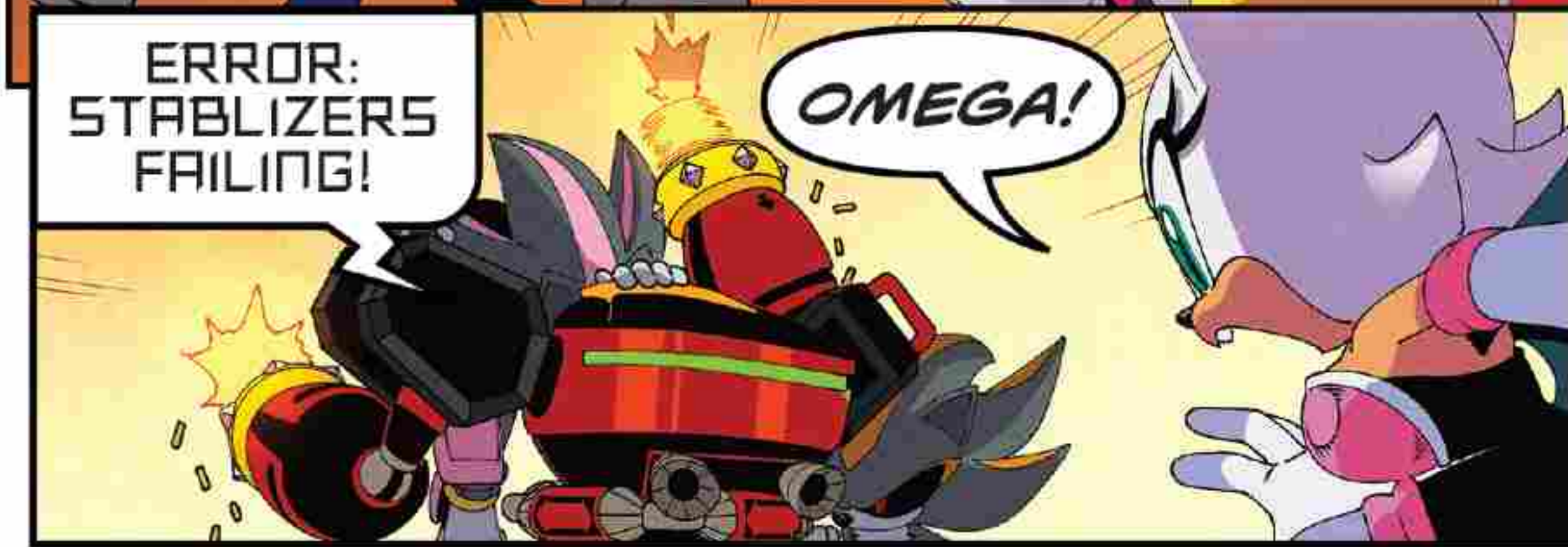
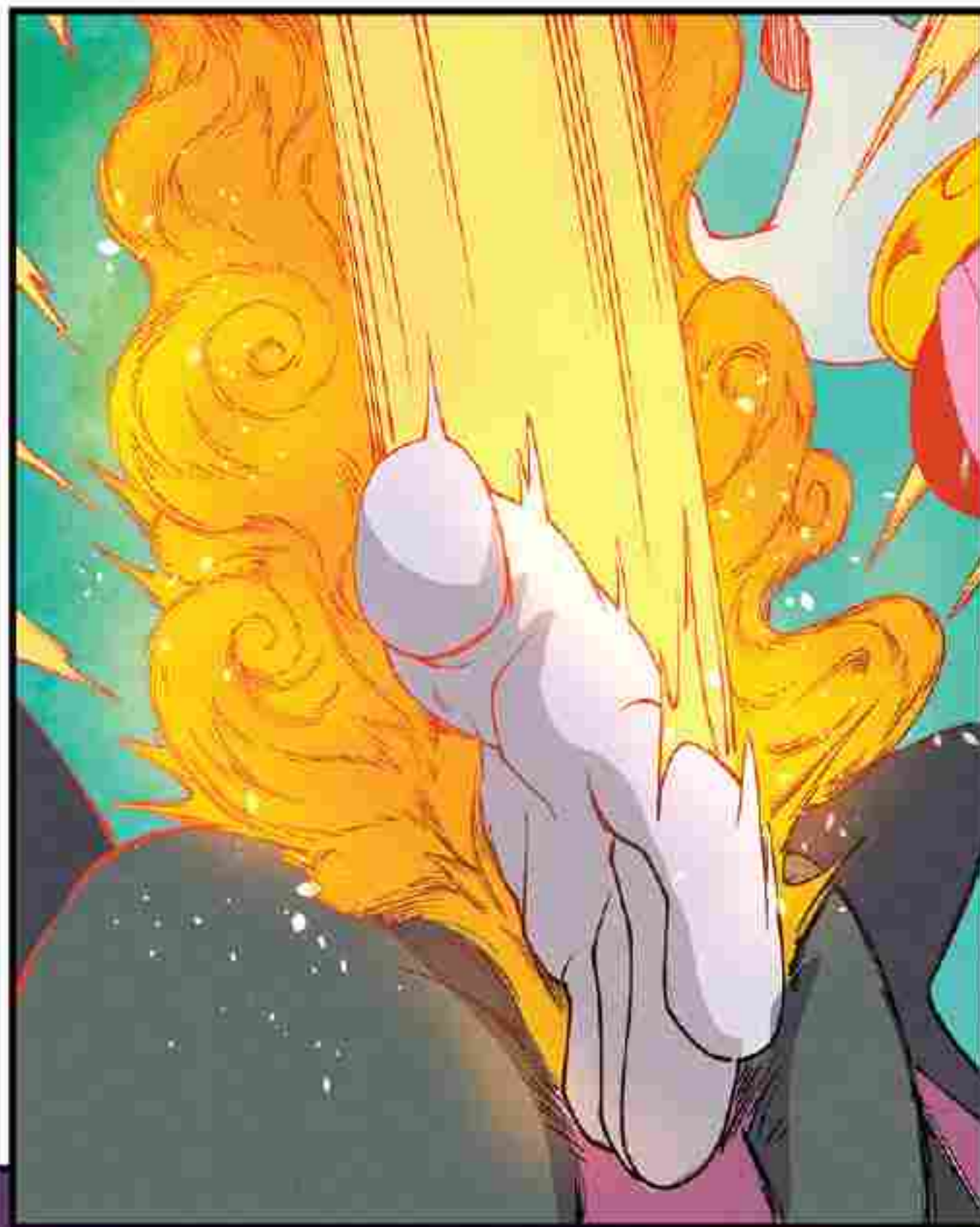












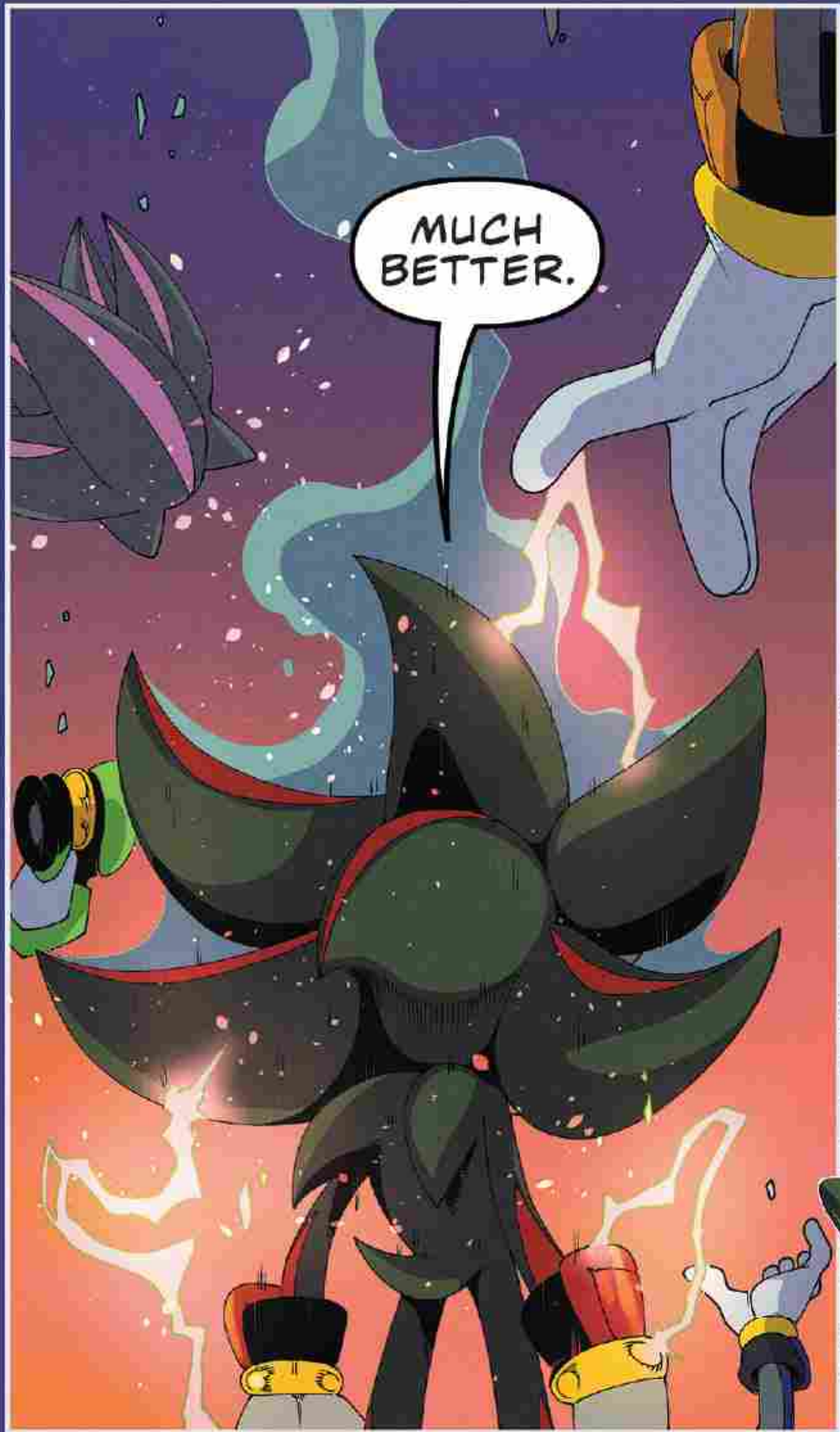
**CHAOS...
CONTROL!**

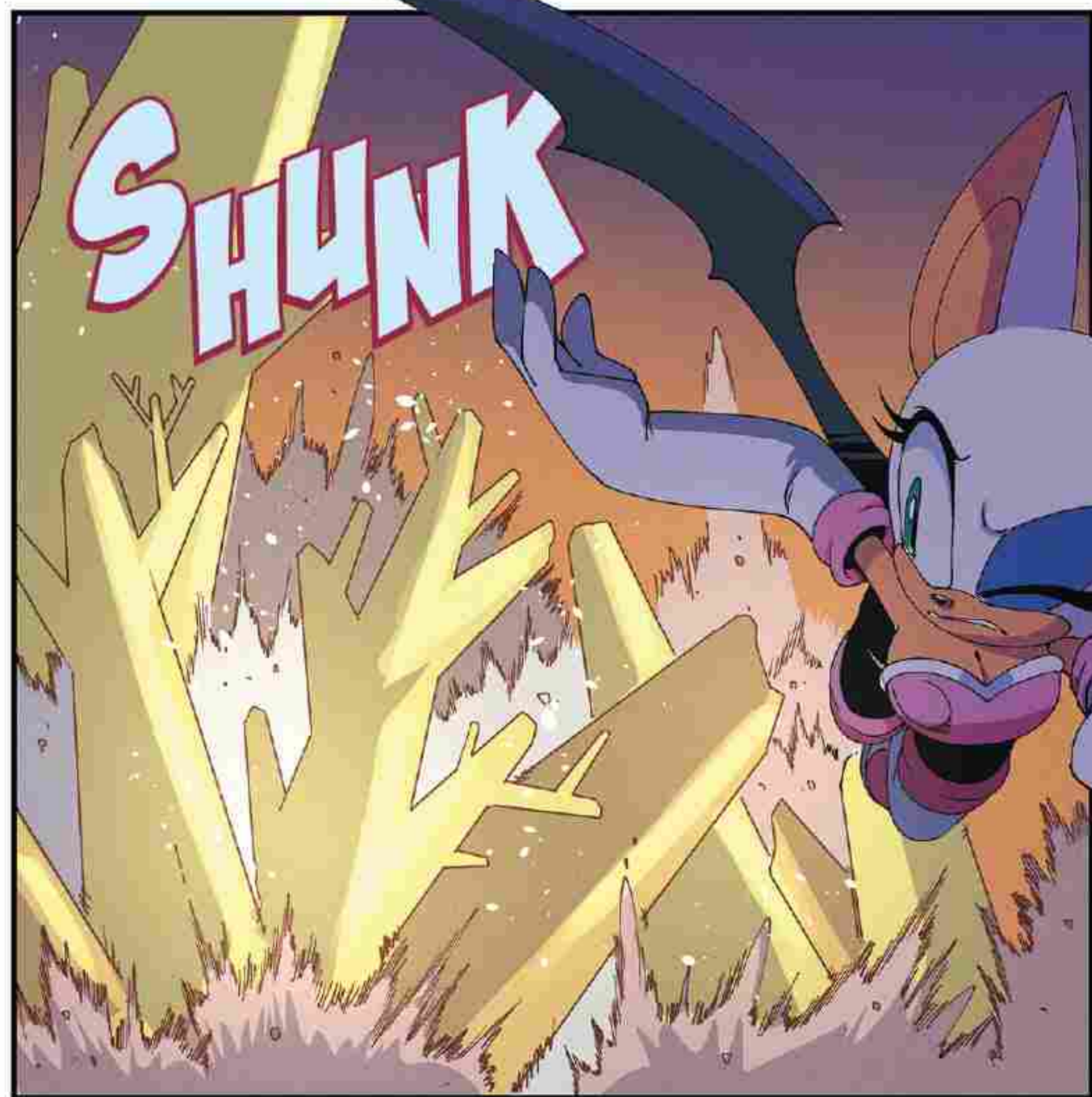
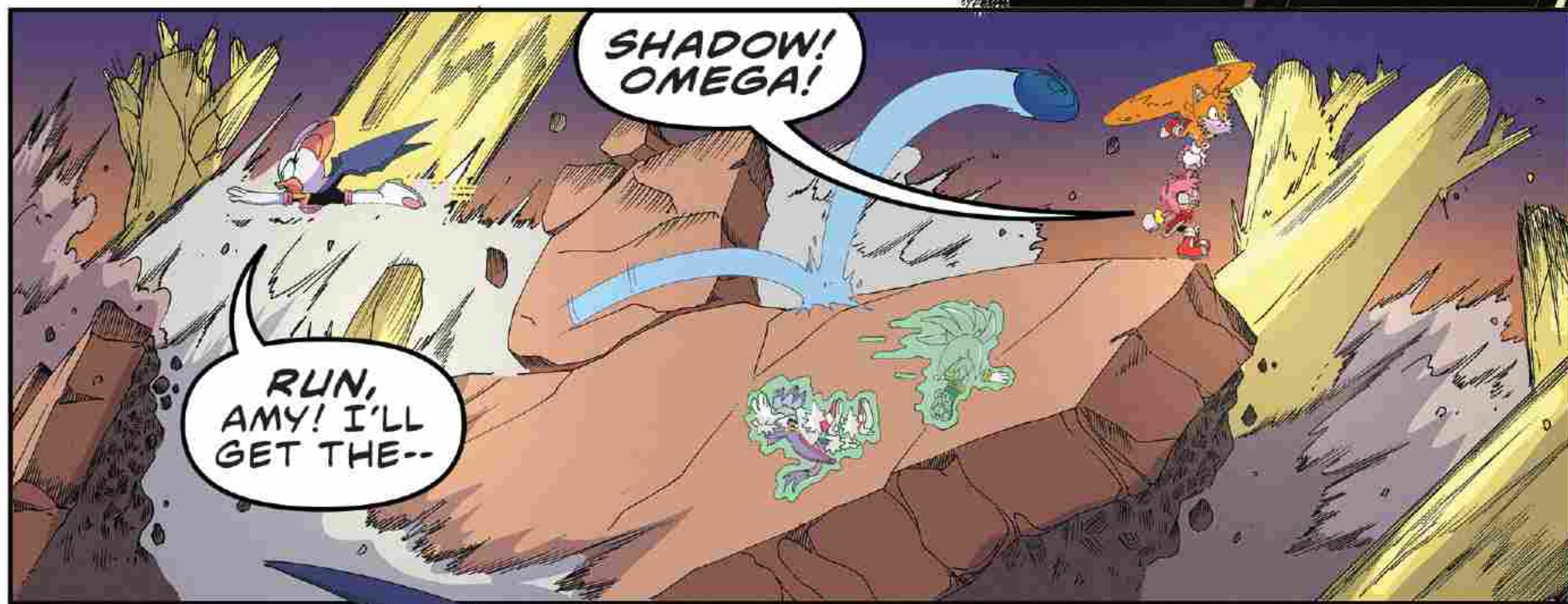
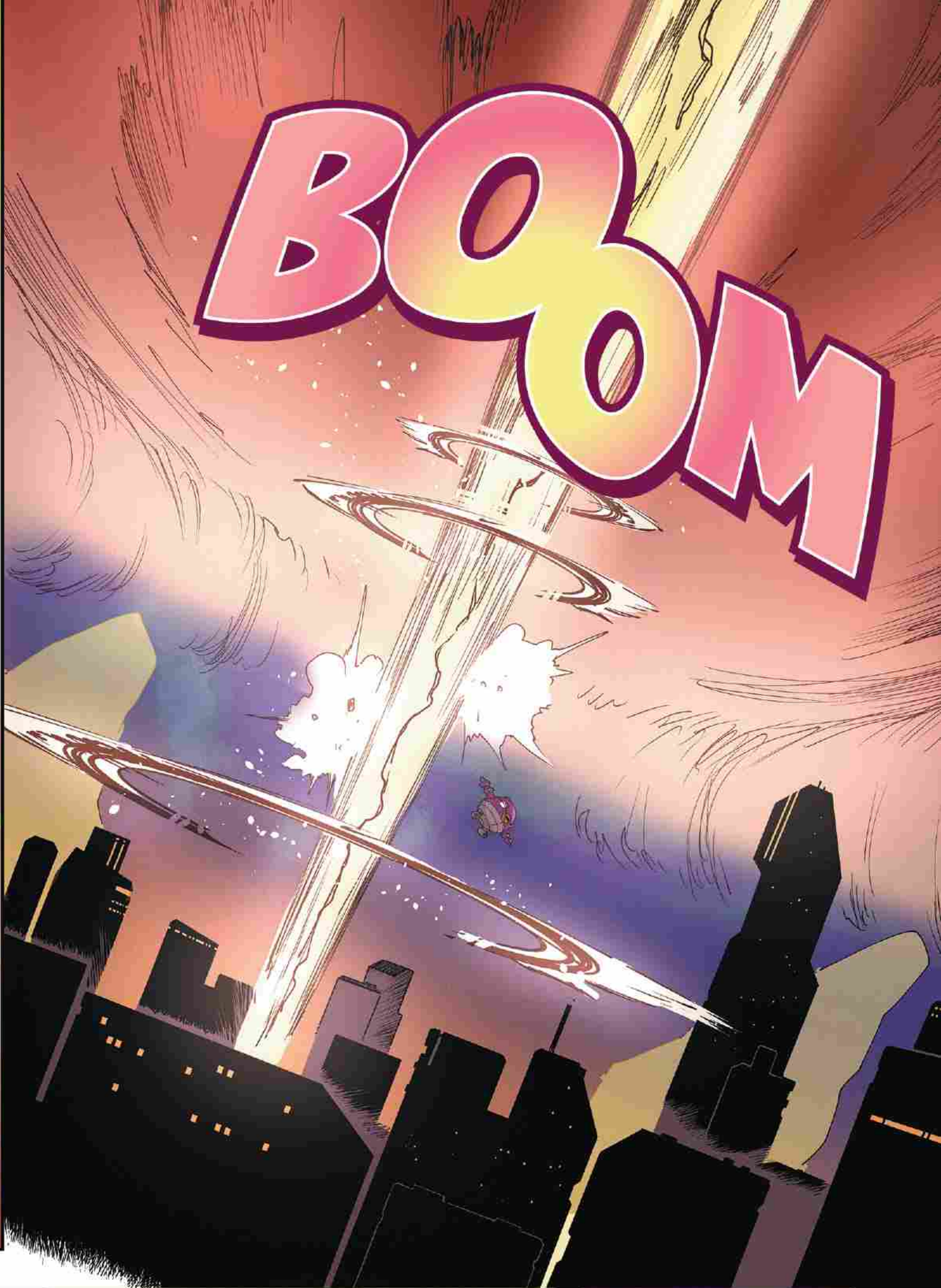


THOOM

**THA-
WHACK**

SNAP









PHEW...LOOKS LIKE THINGS HAVE FINALLY CALMED DOWN.

WHAT THE HECK WAS ALL THAT?



SOME SORT OF RUNAWAY FEEDBACK LOOP, I THINK? BUT IS IT A SECURITY MEASURE OR A DESIGN FLAW?

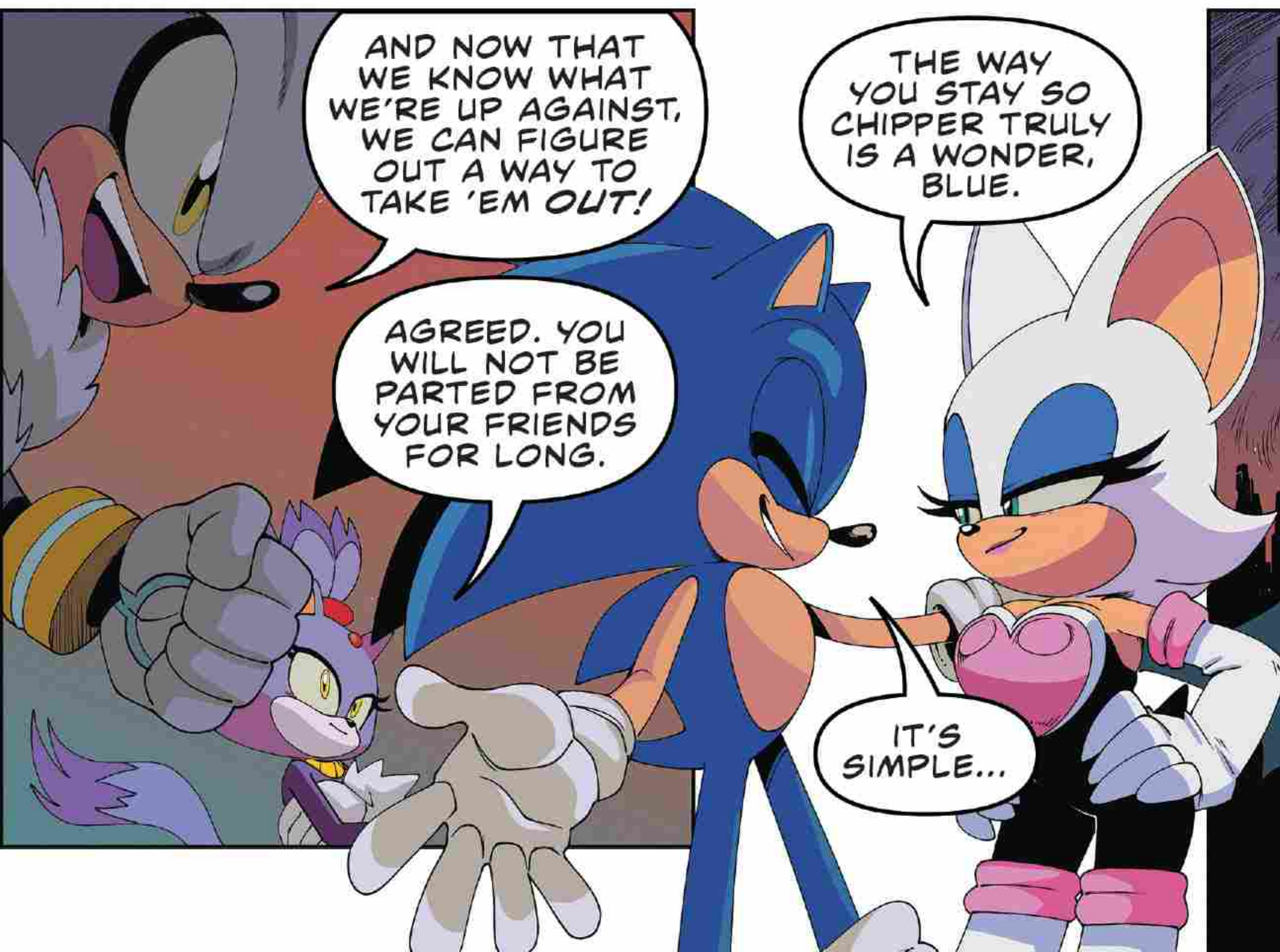
MAN, I WISH I COULD ANALYZE THIS IN MY LAB.



HEY.

THEY'RE TOUGH. MAYBE THE TOUGHEST.

...I KNOW.



AND NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST, WE CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO TAKE 'EM OUT!

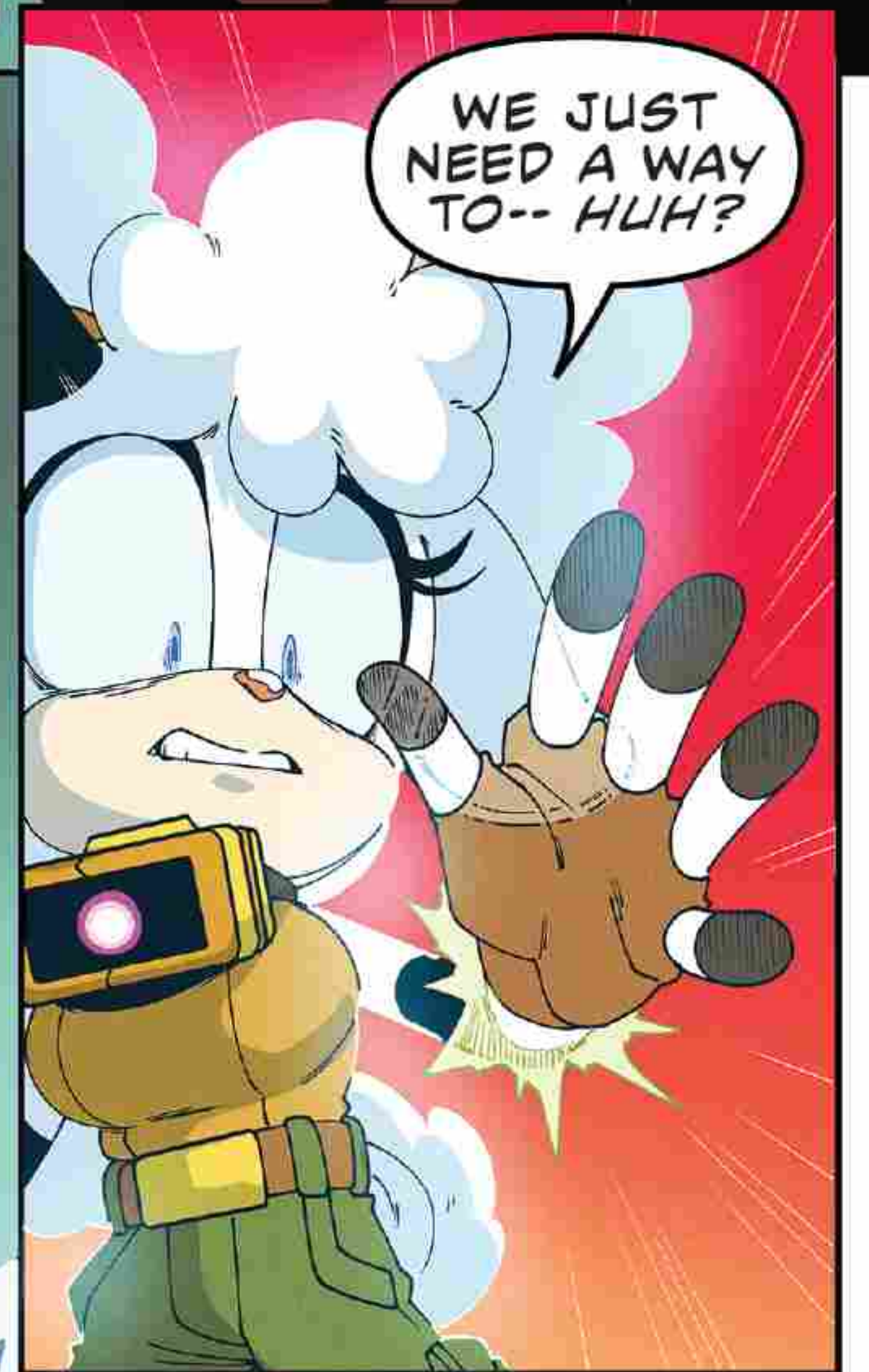
AGREED. YOU WILL NOT BE PARTED FROM YOUR FRIENDS FOR LONG.

THE WAY YOU STAY SO CHIPPER TRULY IS A WONDER, BLUE.

IT'S SIMPLE...



"...I'M JUST LOOKING FORWARD TO THE LOOK ON SHADOW'S FACE WHEN WE RESCUE HIS SORRY BUTT!"



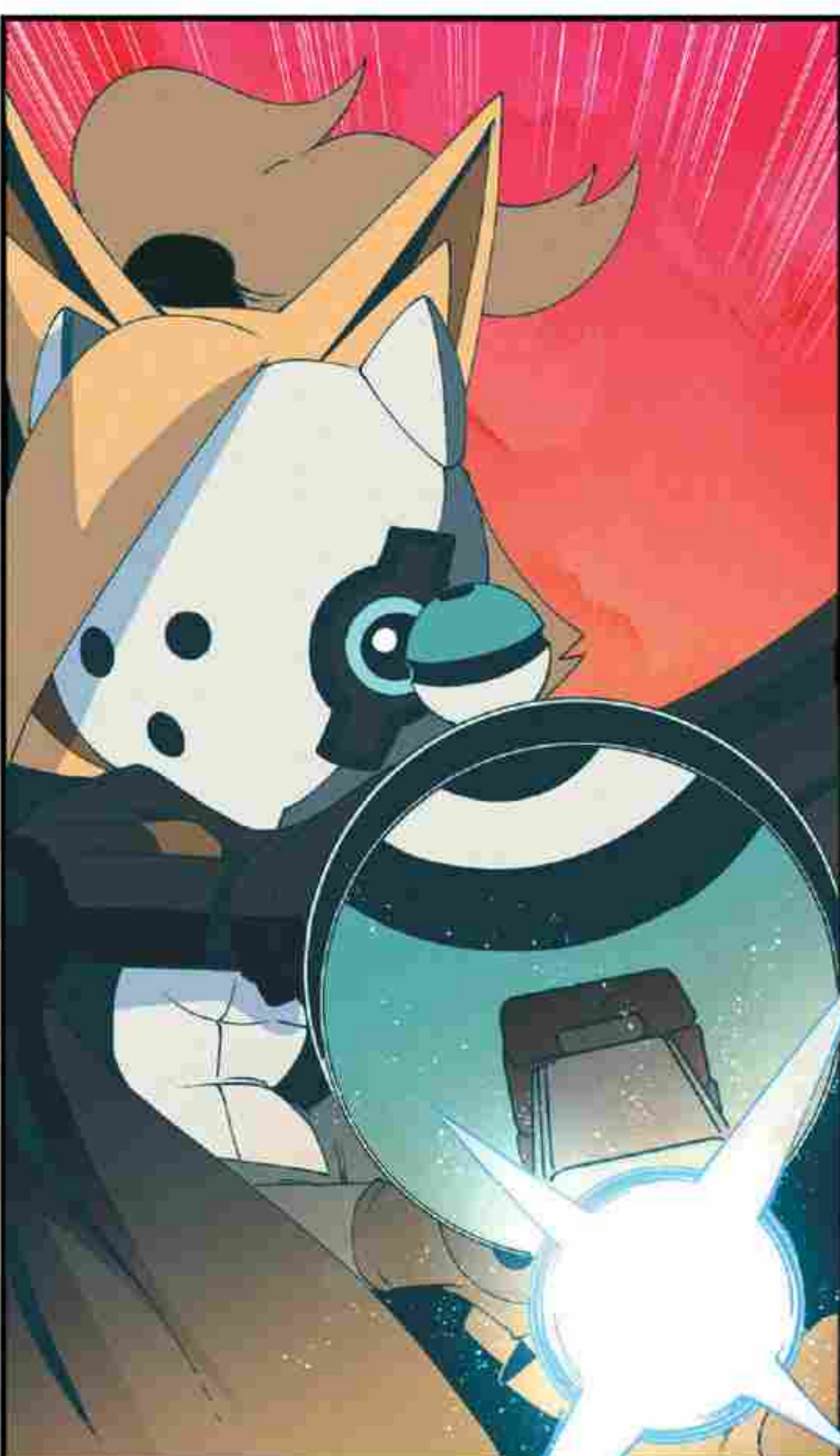


I'VE SEEN YOU TWO BEFORE... AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU RAN INTO MY SPATIAL-DISPLACEMENT TRAP! ENJOYING YOUR TIME LEFT HELPLESS AND INVISIBLE, EH?



YOU ALMOST GOT OUT WHEN THE POWER DIPPED. I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE UPDATED THOSE EARLY MODELS. BUT DON'T WORRY...

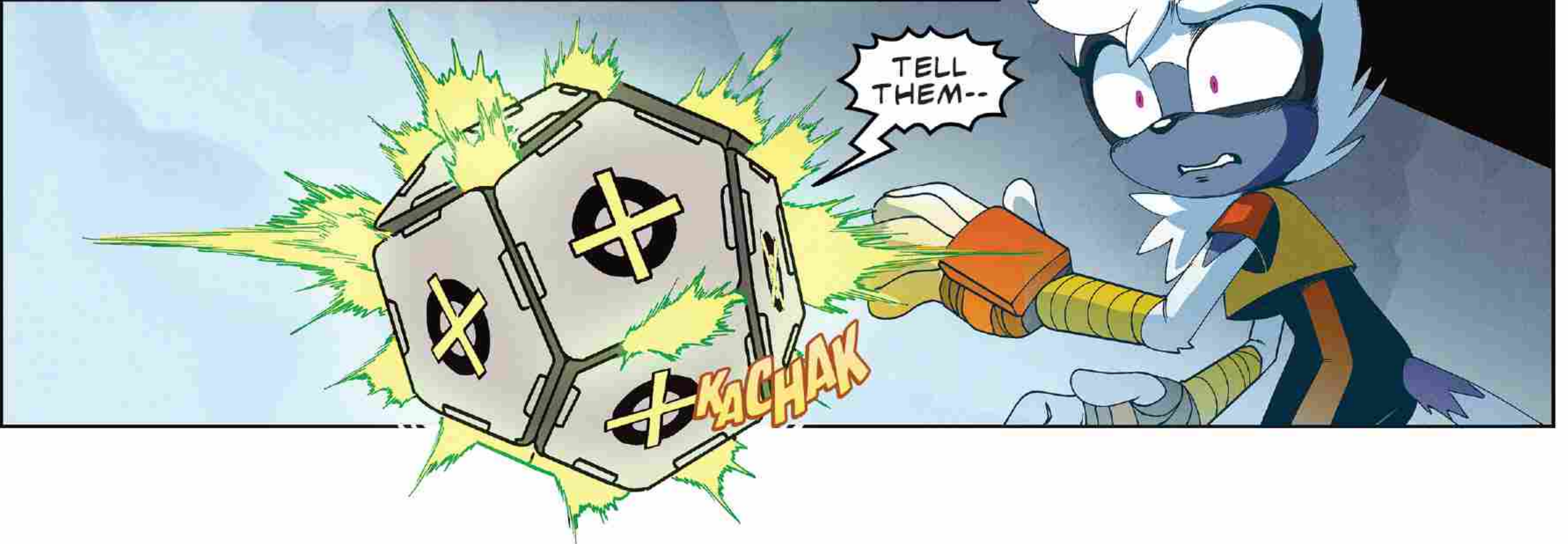
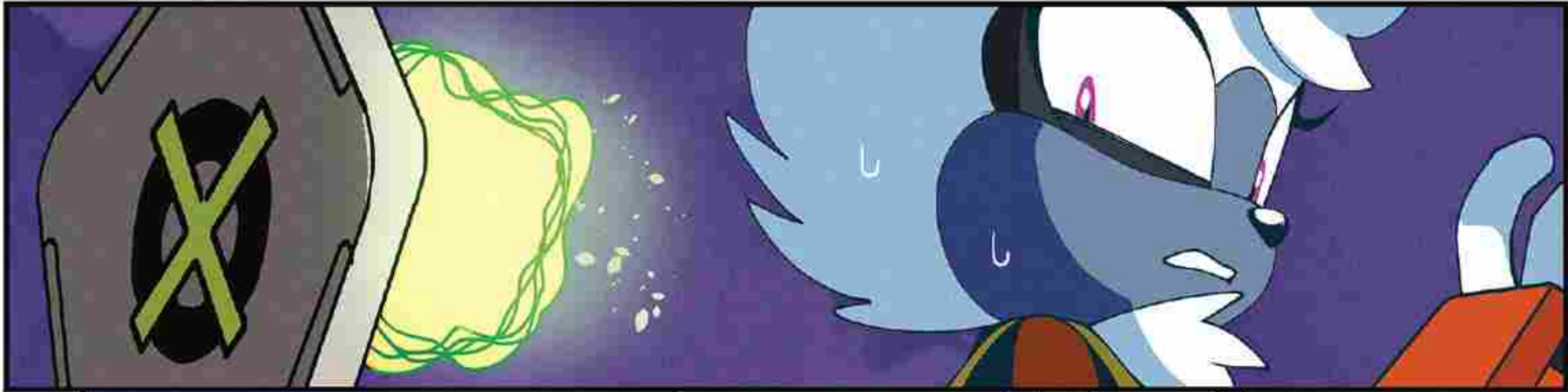
...I HAVE THE LATEST, GREATEST VERSION RIGHT HERE!
A TRIP THROUGH ONE OF THESE SHOULD SCATTER YOUR ATOMS INTO OBLIVION!

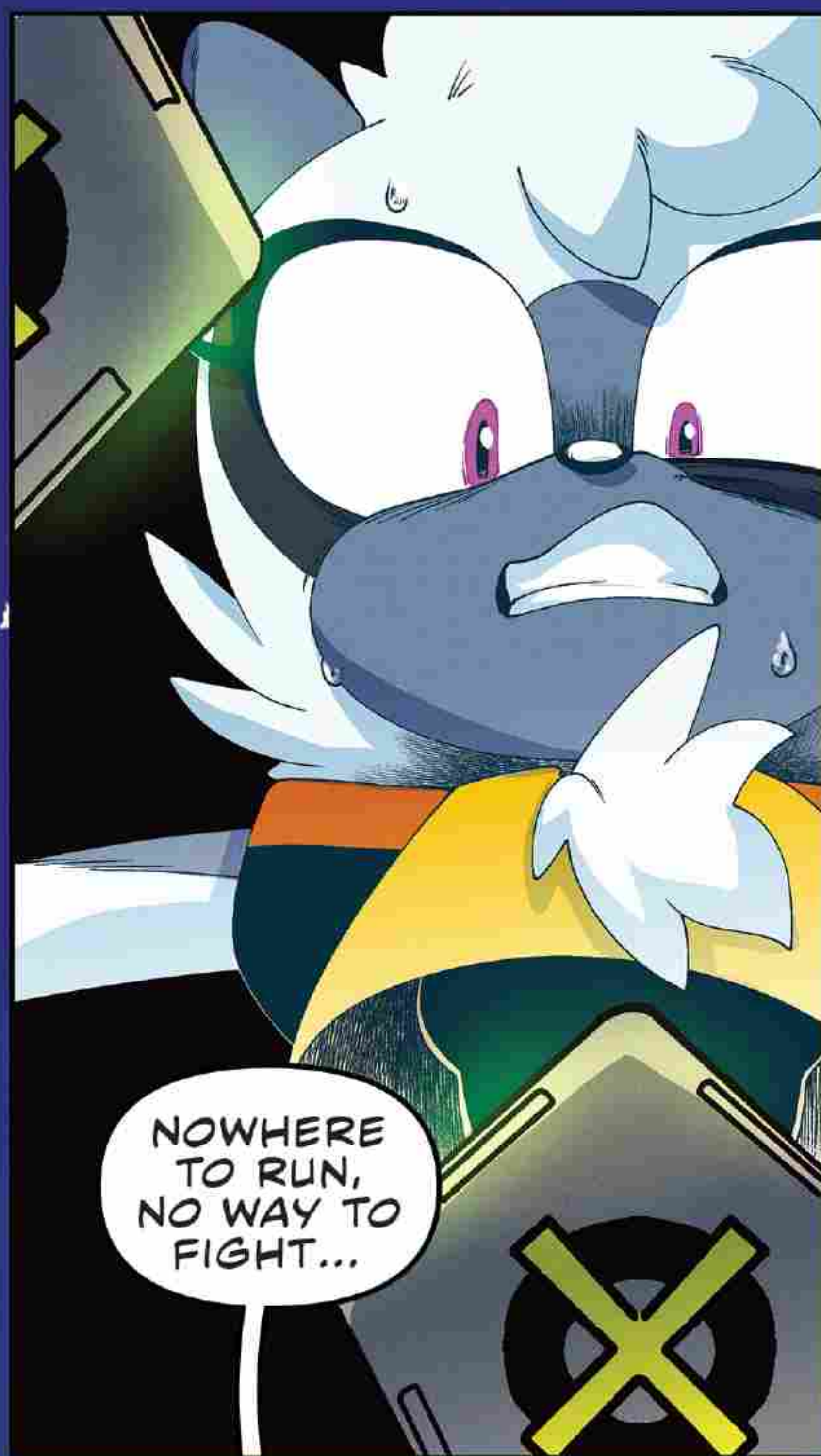


HAH! MY TRAPS SEPARATED YOU AND YOUR PRECIOUS WISPON FROM NORMAL SPACE. YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME!



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**NEXT TIME:
TANGLE ALONE!**

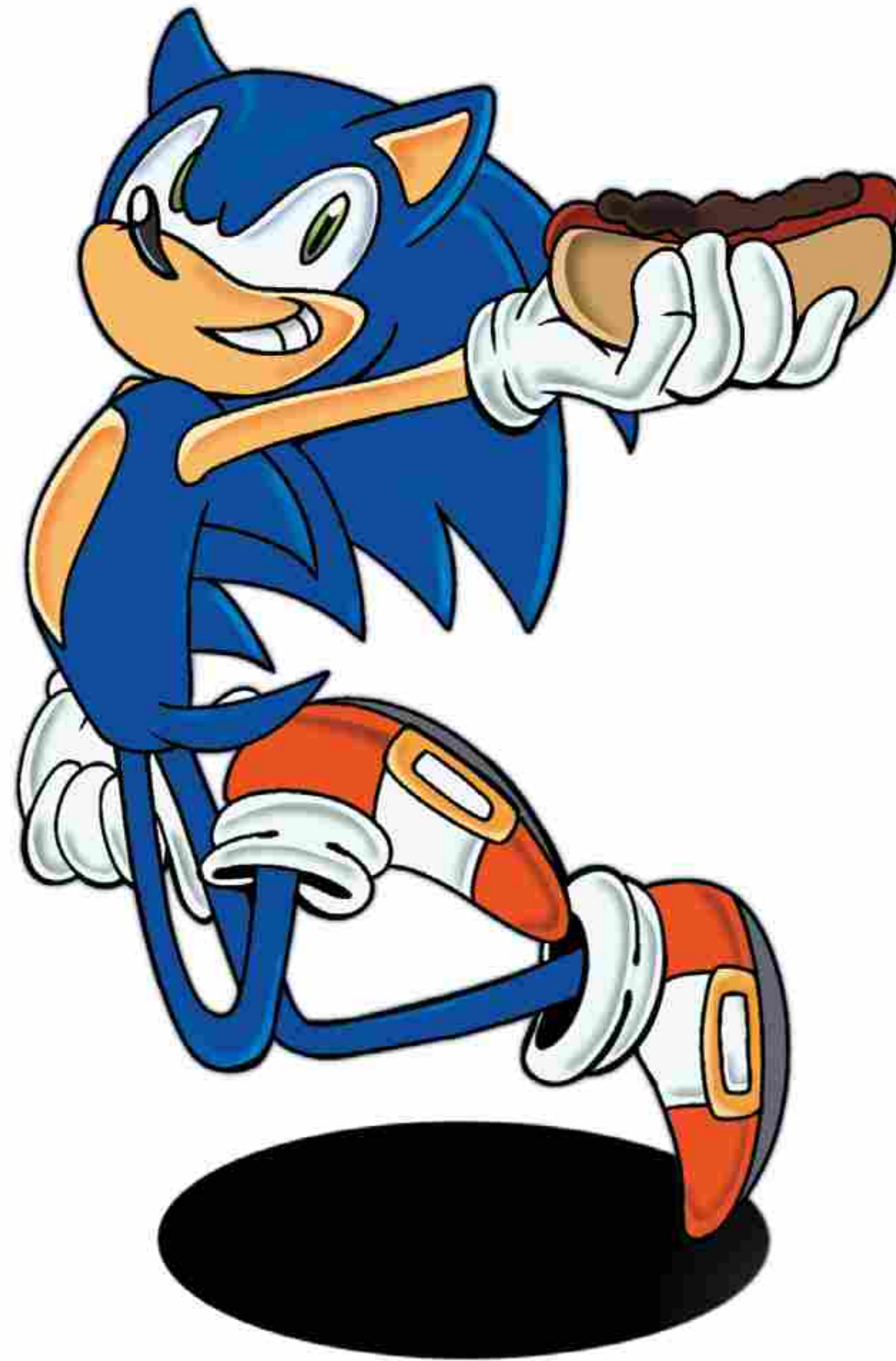


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SONIC

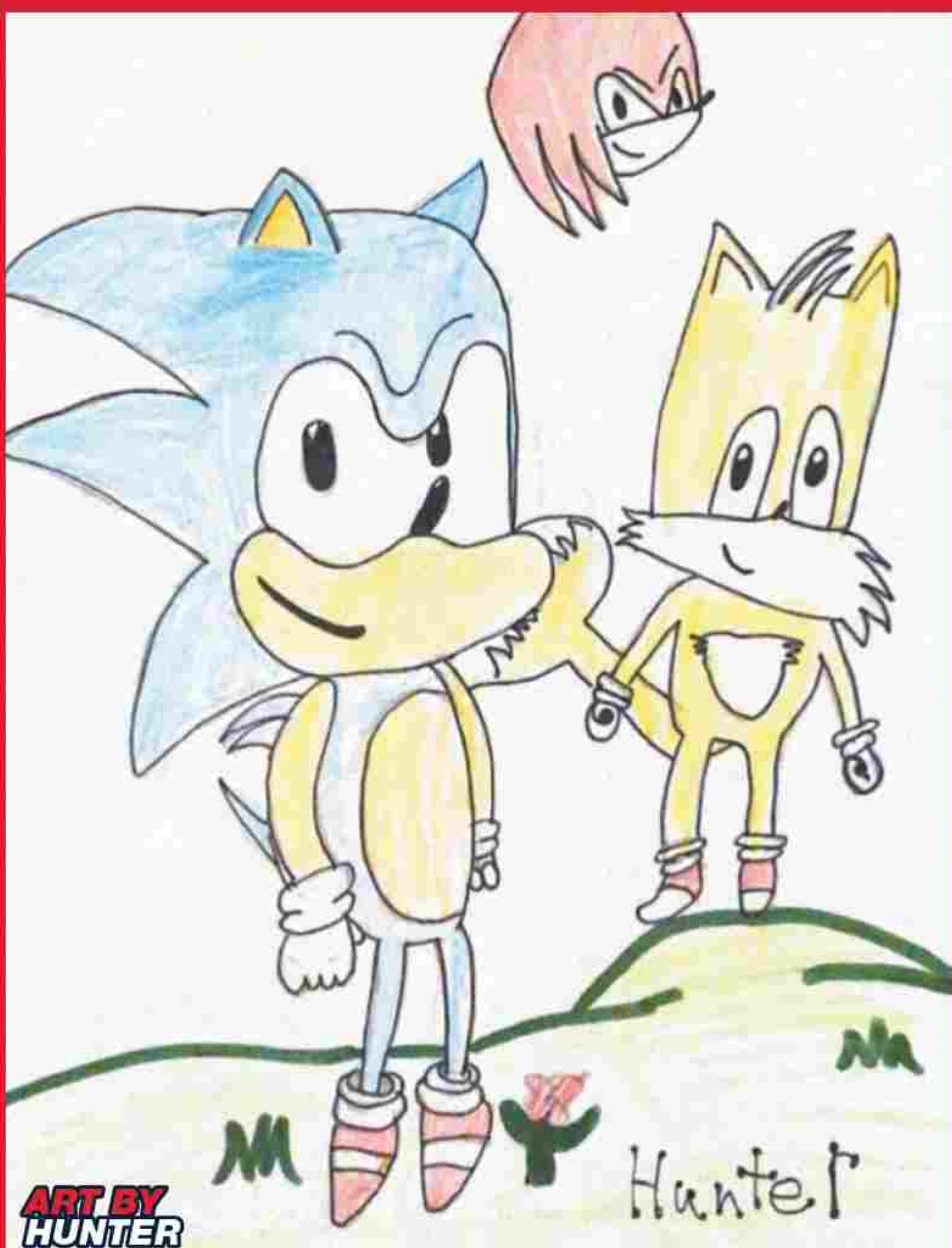
LETTERS SQUAD



ART BY
NORA

**Fist bump* Hello, Sonic Squad!
What a weird time for Tangle
to take a trip... Thank you for
joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce
Thomas, Valentina Pinto, and*

*Shawn Lee for issue #59! Now let's
take a look at your art and get
to know a bit more about artist
Natalie Haines!*



ART BY
HUNTER



ART BY
BETHANY

CREATOR CORNER: NATALIE HAINES



What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I work on the covers and recently have started doing pencils and inks for the interiors, too. Bunches and bunches of art!

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

I am a huge fan of Surge the Tenrec. Her electric powers are so cool! Dr. Starline is a guilty pleasure character, and I love the stories that include him as well.

How do you take your chili dog?

With cheddar cheese, onion, ketchup, and crunchy chips on top.

How did you first discover Sonic?

I used to play Sonic games with my siblings when I was younger. I think the first video game I ever played was *Sonic 2* on the SEGA Genesis, when I was about 2 years old. Whether or not the controller was actually plugged in is debatable. I'll have to ask my older brothers.

What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

I first worked on issue #41 and illustrated the B variant cover for that issue.

What's a boring fact about yourself?

My favorite color is gray.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Victoria Douglas is a local comic artist in my city who has been putting out some AMAZING work that I have fallen in love with. Their comic about a rebellious house cat, Cinnamon, is my personal favorite. I'm a sucker for a comic about cats being silly and over-dramatic.

What do you do when you're not working on Sonic?

Then I'm usually drawing other things or feeding the local squirrels and crows in my neighborhood. Or drawing the local squirrels and crows in my neighborhood. Lots of drawing and lots of squirrels and crows.

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

I'm currently in the process of making a life-size replica of Whisper's wispon, which is pretty unusual, I guess. I also now have a three-foot-tall painting of Shadow the Hedgehog hanging up in my living room because of working on this issue. Does that count?

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Metal Sonic. I've heard he's a great conversationalist.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

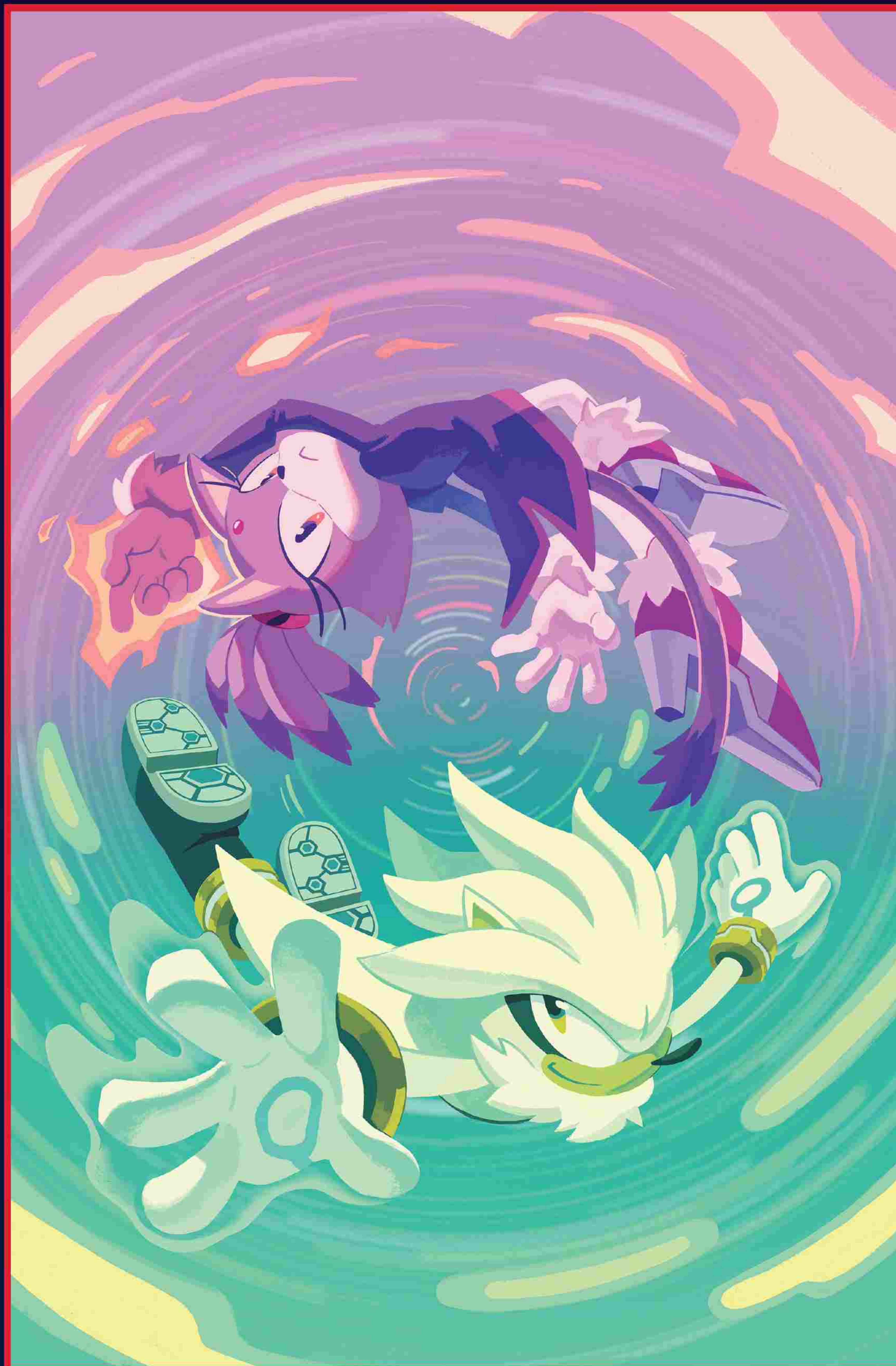
A cat. Then I could be Nat the Cat.



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